and this publication was attributed to a US Government official. Subsequently, the US Government disassociated itself from these comments and a letter to this effect was published by the US Embassy in the Hindustan Times of 27 Feb. 86. The Government considers the LCA Project to be a very important programme for equipping the Indian Air Force with state-of-the-art combat aircraft in the mid 90s and all efforts are being made to complete the programme in time and in the most cost effective manner.

Likelihood of loss of citizenship rights of Indians in Kenya

1405 SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Times of India of 10th April, 1986 to the effect that 5000 Indians may lose citizenship in Kenya and that they may lose their right to stay there; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) what steps are being taken to solve the difficulties being faced by Indians in Kenya?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 1985, which lays down conditions for holding the citizenship of Kenya and that this may affect, among others, some people of Indian origin who hold British passports in Kenya. The Government is ascertaining more details about the ramifications of the Bill. Should there be need to take appropriate steps, these would be taken in consultation with the Government of Kenya.

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Shifting of the office of Directorate General of Naval Design

1406. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the office of the Directorate General of Naval Design has been shifted to hired premises in Kailash Colony, New Delhi where basement accommodation is not meant to be used for office purposes;

(b) whether there are no fire fighting arrangements and escape-routes in the eventuality of accidental fire in this building and it is also unsafe from the point of security of documents etc.;

(c) whether the monthly rent of the building is Rs. 1.75 lakhs and it is to be air-conditioned at Government's expenses;

(d) if so, when the need for additional accommodation was felt and whether any steps were taken to purchase land for the office; and

(e) if so, what are details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) The office of the Directorate General of Naval Design has been shifted to a rented building in A-33 Kailash Colony which has basement accommodation fit for office use.

(b) The competent authorities have, after inspection, certified that the building is equipped with the necessary fire fighting arrangements. Adequate security arrangements have also been made.

(c) The monthly rent of the building is Rs. 1,75,192. A recommenda-